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SUBJ: PRESIDENTIAL RESPONSE TO TRUDEAU MESSAGE ON  
PETROLEUM

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO  
PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU:

"DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER:

I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR MESSAGE OF NOVEMBER 7,  
FORTHRIGHTLY STATING THAT CANADA WILL NOT ALLOW ITS  
ENERGY POLICY TO BE DICTATED BY PRESSURES FROM ABROAD.

AS YOU MENTIONED, WE BOTH FACE DIFFICULT PROBLEMS  
BECAUSE OF ENERGY SHORTAGES IN THE MONTHS AHEAD. YOUR  
PLEDGE TO CONSULT CLOSELY WITH US AND TO MINIMIZE THE  
IMPACT OF SUCH PROBLEMS ON CANADIAN ENERGY EXPORTS TO THE  
U.S. IS MOST WELCOME. FOR OUR PART, WE ARE DETERMINED TO  
BE RESOLUTE IN OUR OWN CONSERVATION MEASURES, AND WE STAND  
READY TO CONSULT AND COOPERATE WITH CANADA IN EVERY RESPECT.

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WITH REGARD TO THE MUTUAL CONSULTATIONS MENTIONED  
IN YOUR MESSAGE, I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE WORTHWHILE TO  
FOCUS OUR ATTENTION ON TWO ISSUES:

-- FIRST, WAYS TO MITIGATE THE IMPACT OF THE

SHORTAGES, THROUGH IMPROVED DISTRIBUTION OF AVAILABLE RESOURCES.

-- AND SECOND, THE IDENTIFICATION OF LONGER TERM ENERGY PROJECTS THAT WILL DEVELOP OUR RESOURCES AND SATISFY FUTURE NEEDS IN WAYS THAT ARE CONSISTENT WITH FUTURE ECONOMIC GROWTH AND ARE MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL.

IN MEETINGS TWO WEEKS AGO, GOVERNOR LOVE, MY CHIEF ENERGY ADVISOR, AND MINISTER MACDONALD AGREED THAT REGULAR CONSULTATION ALONG THESE LINES WOULD WORK TO THE BENEFIT OF BOTH THE U.S. AND CANADA. IF YOU CONCUR, I WOULD BE PLEASED TO HAVE GOVERNOR LOVE AND UNDER SECRETARY CASEY OPEN SUCH CONSULTATIONS WITH WHOMEVER YOU DESIGNATE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

IN YOUR MESSAGE YOU ALLUDED TO YOUR EARLIER PUBLIC STATEMENT TO THE EFFECT THAT WHILE CANADIAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS WILL ADJUST TO CIRCUMSTANCE, FRIENDSHIP WITH THE UNITED STATES IS REGARDED BY CANADIANS AS NON-NEGOTIABLE. I WELCOMED YOUR STATEMENT AT THE TIME, AND I WELCOME ITS REAFFIRMATION NOW- YOU MAY RECALL THAT ON THE SAME OCCASION I RESPONDED THAT WE ARE FRIENDS BECAUSE WE HAVE TRUSTED ONE ANOTHER ENOUGH TO BE CANDID ABOUT OUR PROBLEMS -- AND BECAUSE OUR CANDOR HAS NOURISHED OUR COOPERATION. YOUR VERY THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE BEARS OUT WHAT WE BOTH SAID.

SINCERELY,

RICHARD NIXON"

2. FYI: FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF TRUDEAU'S NOV. 7 MESSAGE  
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TO PRESIDENT TO WHICH ABOVE IS REPLY.

"DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

I AM HASTENING TO COMMUNICATE WITH YOU BECAUSE OF MY CONCERN THAT NO MISUNDERSTANDING BE ALLOWED TO ARISE WITH RESPECT TO CANADIAN CRUDE OIL AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS EXPORTS O YOUR COUNTRY.

AS YOU MAY BE AWARE, IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED IN SOME QUARTERS THAT THIS COUNTRY MAY BE MADE SUBJECT TO AN EMBARGO OF STILL UNSTATED DIMENSIONS IF OIL FROM ARAB SOURCES FINDS ITS WAY INTO THE UNITED STATES FROM CANADA

IN EITHER ITS ORIGINAL OR A REFINED CONDITION. I WANT TO INFORM YOU OF MY POSITION. THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA WILL NOT PERMIT ITS FOREIGN POLICIES, ITS CHOICE OF

TRADING PARTNERS, OR ITS MANNER OF TREATMENT OF ITS FRIENDS TO BE DICTATED TO IT BY FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS.

CANADIAN GOVERNMENTS FOR MANY YEARS HAVE ATTESTED TO THE FACT THAT ONE OF THE INVARIABLES OF THIS COUNTRY'S FOREIGN POLICY IS CANADA'S GENUINE FRIENDSHIP FOR THE UNITED STATES. I HAVE STATED TO YOU PUBLICLY THAT THE CANADIAN-AMERICAN RELATIONSHIP WILL ADJUST TO CIRCUMSTANCE, BUT IT IS NOT REGARDED BY CANADIANS AS NEGOTIABLE. THE PRESENT STATE OF EVENTS IS EVIDENCE OF THAT FACT.

THERE WILL BE, AS YOU WILL UNDERSTAND, MONTH TO MONTH FLUCTUATIONS IN THE VOLUME OF WESTERN CANADIAN CRUDE OIL SHIPMENTS TO THE UNITED STATES BUT THESE WILL BE DICTATED BY CANADIAN CONSUMER REQUIREMENTS, NOT BY POLITICAL PRESSURE FROM WITHOUT. NOR WILL THEY BE MADE IN THE ABSENCE OF AN EFFORT TO MEET YOUR BASIC REQUIREMENTS TO THE EXTENT WE HAVE BEEN FULFILLING THEM. FURTHERMORE, AS WE TAKE WHATEVER STEPS WE DEEM NECESSARY TO ASSURE CANADIAN CONSUMERS OF SECURITY OF SUPPLY IN YEARS TO COME, WE WILL ACT IN CONSULTATION WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IN AN ATTEMPT TO MINIMIZE THE EFFECT ON THOSE AMERICAN MARKET AREAS NOW DEPENDENT ON CONFIDENTIAL

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CANADIAN CRUDE OIL.

BUT THAT IS IN THE MEDIUM AND LONG RANGE. AT THIS MOMENT, IN THE CURRENT ENERGY CRISIS, I ASSURE YOU OF MY GOVERNMENT'S DESIRE TO ACT IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE TO MINIMIZE DISRUPTION OF SUPPLY CONSISTENT WITH CANADIAN MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS.

MOST OF CANADA AND MANY PARTS OF THE UNITED STATES EXPERIENCE EACH YEAR ONE OF THE MOST SEVERE CLIMATES FOUND ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD. THE ANTICIPATION OF CRITICAL FUEL OIL SHORTAGES AT THE OUTSET OF WINTER IS THEREFORE AN ALARMING PROSPECT. I AM CONFIDENT, HOWEVER, THAT THE GOOD WILL, GOOD SENSE AND SELF-DISCIPLINE OF CANADIANS AND AMERICANS WILL COMBINE TO MINIMIZE THE EFFECTS OF THESE SHORTAGES AND THAT, TOGETHER, WE SHALL OVERCOME THIS GRAVE THREAT TO MANY OF OUR COMMUNITIES.

WITH PERSONAL REGARDS.

YOURS SINCERELY,  
PIERRE ELLIOTT TRUDEAU"

3. IN DELIVERING TRUDEAU'S MESSAGE, AMBASSADOR CADIEUX SAID PRIME MINISTER WISHED TO WITHHOLD ITS PUBLIC RELEASE "FOR ANOTHER FEW DAYS." EMBASSY SHOULD REPORT PROMPTLY WHEN IT IS RELEASED.

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